

Statement by Top Leaders of Inter-Religious Council of Ethiopia (IRCE) on the Current Situation of Ethiopia

To the Honorable People of our Country

First and foremost, we extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families and relatives of those victimized citizens in the brutal murder in the part of our country.

In the meantime, the eruption of conflict between the Federal and Tigray Regional State saddened us deeply. Though we facilitated peaceful dialogue sessions intended to solve and avoid the violence between the two parties proactively, it was not successful because of various reasons which saddened us.

We believe that God, our Creator created human beings with the ability to think, reason, and act. This allows human beings to adjust the way of life with their present circumstances by analyzing the past with the future.

War is inherently destructive. We would like to remind you that war is the worst option as it causes human and economic losses. Conflict among the citizens of a country is especially devastating and it is lose-lose.

To this end, we convey our fatherly advice and message to both parties to prioritize the security of citizens and the stability of the state.

1. Honorable Federal and Tigray Regional Governments, we urge you to put an immediate and unconditional end to the ongoing military conflict between you by prioritizing the peace and stability of our country.
2. Honorable Prosperity Party and TPLF Leaders, we call upon you to resolve your political disagreements through open discussion.
3. Distinguished Religious Fathers at all levels, we urge you to ensure your paternal responsibility to resolve the conflict through peaceful dialogue and negotiation, recognizing that the ongoing civil war between the two parties will have awful consequences.
4. We call on you dear elders, Abagadas, fathers/mothers, and all influential bodies of the society to ensure that the conflict between the country's citizens does not escalate and that both sides come to an agreement peacefully.



5. Distinguished Media institutions, it is known that the conflict is between the citizens of a country. Having this in mind, this is our fatherly message that you are kindly asked to manage the report of related issues with careful and great responsibility.
6. Dear Social Media Activists, we urge you to avoid messages which aggravate the problem as you share your concern on social media, and on the contrary, we urge you to call for peace.
7. Dear Youth, We urge you to refrain from aggravating the current conflict as it is between the citizens of our country, Ethiopia.
8. Distinguished members of the security forces and leaders, we urge you to handle the situation with great wisdom and understanding, as well as patiently.

Finally, to exterminate the spirit of hatred and evil which is now seen in our country, we all need to turn our attention to The Creator as the principle of our beliefs. Knowing this, we urge you to preserve a week of pray starting from tomorrow, 5th November 2020.

God Bless Ethiopia and its People!
Peace be upon our Country
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